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MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AGAINST THE INTERFERON RECEPTOR, For:

WITH NEUTRALIZING ACTIVITY AGAINST TYPE 1 INTERFERON

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

line 14, after "figure 3," insert --(SEQ ID NOS: 3-4)--.

Page 8, Kines 18 and 25, after "figure 2," insert -- (SEQ ID NOS: 1-2)--.

Page 8, line 27, after "229," insert -- of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2--.

Page 10, line 12, insert --is-- between "it" and "directed".

Page 10, line 16, after "figure 2," insert __SEQ ID NOS: 1-2)--.

Page 13 line 15, after "sequence" insert -- (SEQ ID NOS: 1-2)--.

Page 13, line 23, after "sequence" insert -- (SEQ ID NOS: 3-4)--.

Page 14, line 7, after "figure 2," insert --; SEQ ID NOS: 1-2--.

Page 24, at the end of the specification, before the claims, insert the printed Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith, and renumber pages 1-9 of the Sequence Listing as pages 25-33 of the specification.